

**CTTAB
February 9, 2010 Minutes
2750 Seattle Municipal Tower
700 Fifth Avenue**

Draft not yet approved from CTTAB

Present John Neuharth Ted Schmitt Richard Huff Tom Kee Stuart Maxwell Jac DeHaan Will Pugh Excused Jac De Haan	Absent William Pugh City Staff Bill Schrier Tony Perez David Keyes Bruce Blood Nicole Schultz Guests Fiber Optics First for Seattle Underserved Neighbors (George Staggers, CADA, Charles Thorton and Tracy Bier) Ken Meyer
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1. Call to order: John Neuharth chair – called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Stuart put a device on the table to record the meeting. There was a motion to approve the agenda - agenda was approved. Neuharth motioned to approve the November 2009 and January minutes – motion was approved. The Chair had no report.

2. Public Comment – Ken Meyer

Mr. Meyer informed the group about The Washington Coalition for Open Government meeting happening the next evening in Kirkland. He encouraged members to attend the meeting. He also mentioned that members of CTTAB could be personally liable for a fine, for not having certain meetings public. He sent a follow-up email after the meeting that was sent to the board members and DoIT staff.

3. Chief Technology Officer Report: Bill Schrier

See attached

CTO Schrier also handed out an internal document that is still in draft form for members to review. The document is titled *City of Seattle Government 2.0 Strategies: Potential Technologies and Initiatives*. If members have any ideas/suggestions on this document, please send them to Bill.

4. Fiber Optics First for Seattle Underserved Neighbors (George Staggers, Charles Thorton and Tracy Bier)

The Fiber Optics First for Seattle Underserved Neighbors organized a group of neighbors to address the complaints of Broadstripe. They worked jointly with the city and Broadstripe and felt nothing had changed. In December 2009 they had a follow-up meeting. They agreed on a workplan that documents Broadstripes lack of service. The group has 150 members.

George Staggers from CADA presented on behalf of the neighborhood. He reported on the report of growth of housing/business/retail in the Central neighborhood. Broadstripe is a problem for people moving into the Central neighborhood. Pratt Park, which is rental property for LIHI, had zero people sign up for Broadstripe. He also mentioned the poor internet service.

CTTAB members asked how they can be of assistance. There was a conversation about a Pilot project for fiber to the home. Tony Perez mentioned we shouldn't call it a pilot, since we know the technology works. It should be based on a first phase, and how many customers we would get. Central District could possibly be the first phase. Jorge Carrasco, Ray Hoffman and Bill Schrier have been instructed from the Mayor to work together to put together a feasibility study, this isn't public, but eventually will go public. City is at a competitive disadvantage without Broadband.

5. Bruce Blood

Open Gov West Conference is shaping up. 200 attendees are expected on Friday in Bertha Knight Landes. Adobe will not host the Saturday portion of the conference, so looking for a new location. 450 attendees are expected for the Saturday "unconference."

Public Engagement Portal – engaging the council and mayor on what they have in mind.

Seattle.gov – 95% settled on using backbase. Bruce will show this tool at the March retreat.

Still on schedule to be launched in July.

6. David Keyes

- New cable modems set-up at the Seattle Indian Center installed in February
- Imoja fest Peace Center
- Held workshops for the Technology Matching Fund (TMF). There were about 35 groups – some old and some new
- Launched most of the redesign of Puget Sound Off Youth Engagement Project. City Departments to use this to get youth engaged.
- Forums coming up on Youth and Families (Mayor Initiative)
- Communities online – worked with DON on training.

7. Karen Manuel

Karen presented the results of the 2009 Community Technology Portal Survey. Encourage people – if we build it they will come. This isn't expensive to build, possibly identify city

funding for the project. Opened for questions and comments, and most members were digesting the information. The strategy is to build the capacity of organizations. Stuart Maxwell will sit in on the meetings.

8. Tony Perez

- Seattle has a very high radio frequency. Atenas are located on Queen Anne hill and others. This makes us prone to signal interference. Seattle has three times the amount of RF cloud than L.A.
- Asked Broadstripe for a prioritized list of those who complained. Solution is there. The City will hire an expert to do an audit of Broadstripe.
- Comcast – changing its name to Xfinity
- The 93rd and Aurora location is moving locations. They must obey Seattle code.
- Not much federal funding for Broadband. Hoping by pushing 4g wireless, 6-8 megabites will spur landline providers to beat that.
- Congress considers a one size fits all – franchise fees and taxes.

9. Public Access Computing Proposal

Need a letter of support from CTTAB. Letters due prior to the meeting on March 15. Ted and Richard will work on the letter. They need the proposal to review.

Committee Reports:

Richard Huff

Richard responded to Mr. Meyer's statement that the Broadband subcommittee was hiding its work and violating the open meetings laws. He cited PSRC and WAC and advisory boards and commissions.

Broadband Report

- Three meetings were held. Met with Councilmembers Godden, Harrell, Clark and O'Brien. Response from Council – they are aware and supportive, but don't know about the history of Broadband.
- How do we pay for it? By building a service that would pay for itself from the revenue fees, there is a 20% to 40% take rate. Above and beyond that, 1-4 years around the country running at 50% take.
- 80% of population connected to Broadband service.
- Community Broadband Act – Political hurdles/legal hurdles are there, but when challenged in court, Municipalities win.
- Seattle is in a good position, not in an area of political hurdles.
- Tacoma provides this service, and Edmonds got a legal opinion on what network they may build.
- Lafayette has the 2nd largest fiber to home network. A citizens group organized around getting the fiber to home.

- CM Licata mentioned – citizens talk about transportation, public safety not Broadband.

8. Board Business

Will discuss the committees and write a clear mission statement for each one. Sometimes agendas are overlapping and unclear. Need to consider how many committees, now that there are fewer members. John and Ted will talk about these issues, and send out ideas before the retreat.

March retreat will start at 4p.m. Tony is working on a tour of the Westin. Need to schedule speakers, needs representatives from Harrell and Mayor's office.

There is potential to open the CTTAB website for posting, Chairs blog. John Neuharth will be the liaison. This will be a topic at the retreat.

Need the piece of legislation that reduced the size of the board.

9. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.